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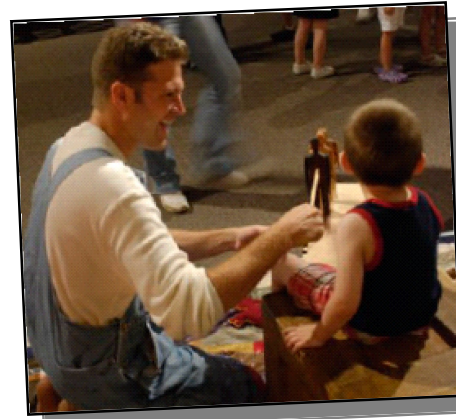
- 1.) First, cut out the dancing LimberJack.
- 2.) Use a hole punch where marked.
- 3.) Then, use brass brads to fasten joints.



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Appalachian Limberjacks Making Your Own Fun



The history of the limberjack (or jig-doll) goes back over one hundred and fifty years. The toy originated in the British Isles and was carried with immigrants as they traveled overseas to America. It was in the Appalachian Mountains where the limberjack became an important aspect of folk art

and folk music. Loose limbed and attached to a small pole, the limberjack's frisky and floppy movement adds charm, rhythm, and fun to any song or story.

Create your own limberjack by following the simple directions on this activity card. Create your own stories and songs using your limberjack and think back to a time when simple toys like this brought families together to sing and tell tales.

Ask your parents if you can visit these websites to learn more:

- <http://craggymtnmusic.com/limberjacks.htm>
- <http://www.appalachiandulcimers.com/limberjack.htm>
- <http://www.gustafsonzook.com/limberjacks.php>

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